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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

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For: IL-1 ZETA, IL-1 ZETA SPLICE  
VARIANTS AND XREC2 DNAS AND  
POLYPEPTIDES

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The enclosed Preliminary Amendment is submitted in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated September 25, 2002. Prior to examination, please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

In the "Brief Description of the Figure," Page 7, line 19, after "locus."  
insert -- Numbered boxes indicate individual exons 1-6 and the approximate size of the intervening introns is indicated at the top. "\*" Indicates the presence of a stop codon, either at the end of the coding sequence (exon 6) or as an in-frame stop codon (exon 3). "M" indicates potential initiating Methionines originating either from exon 1 or exon 3. IL-1z is the zeta sequence. TDZ.1-3 (Testis-Derived Zeta variants) represent three new splice variants isolated as PCR products from human cDNA.--

This text has been removed from originally filed Figure 1 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 per the Notice to File Missing Parts dated September 25, 2002. A replacement drawing is being filed herewith omitting the additional text. The legend is being incorporated into the brief description of the drawings.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above preliminary amendment prior to examination of the application. No new matter has been added.

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Date: November 21, 2002

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